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Here are just some of the reasons we should no longer tax Social Security payments.

The small checks we receive, come only after many many years of paying into Social Security. The checks, in today's economy are small at best.

In the last three years, there has only been one increase and that a mere 1 1/2 %. Two of the years there was no increase at all. This year the reason was "gas prices dropped so overall we did suffer enough to warrant any increase", yet Medicare which is deducted from your Social Security checks increased. The net result is a reduction in the amount we actually receive. According to Kiplingers Report, Connecticut is listed in the top ten least tax-friendly state. Most states do not charge any income tax at all on Social Security. Connecticut needs to join them.

In most cultures, the elders are honored for all that they have given throughout their lifetime. Here we are just another place to over-tax. By the time we are collecting Social Security, most of us have paid taxes for fifty years of our life. I think we have done our part.

Thank You for taking the time to read this. Thank You Senator Linares for providing us a way to give our opinions.

Sincerely,  
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